IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TSCHOPE, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.823

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 16, 2001

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2001, making the response due on or before August 16, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete pages 31-37 containing the original Sequence Listing without prejudice or disclaimer. Substitute therefore, new pages I-VI containing the revised sequence listing and add these pages to the end of the specification. Please renumber original pages 38-42 as pages 31-35.

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 16, 2001 has been reviewed and the comments set forth below are a complete response thereto.